<u>EPA</u> – Recognized Libby as the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history due to the number of deaths and serious illnesses resulting from tremolite asbestos exposure.

Card Clinic – (Center For Asbestos Related Disease) Follows 2400 patients currently gaining approximately 20 new patients a month.

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<u>LAMP</u> – (Libby Asbestos Medical Program) Currently provides asbestos health screening for 1456 people. 1505 people receive asbestos related health care services of oxygen, medications, doctor visits, cancer treatments, and hospitalizations.

<u>ARD NET</u> – (Asbestos Related Disease Network) Provides home assistant services, cooking, cleaning, personal care, as well as management services to help with utilizing other existing resources.

Health Resources available W. R. Grace sponsored Libby medical program.

Gaps in Coverage

2006 denied 29% of applicants with ARD (Asbestos Related Disease) diagnosed by CARD physicians 148 applicants.

2007 denied 42% of applicants with ARD diagnosed by CARD physicians 123 applicants.

2007 LAMP spent \$608,326.14 on screenings and supplemental benefits.

2008 4/15 - 6/30 \$282,252.76 There is a 25,000 lifetime cap per member because of limited funds.

Long term solutions are being pursued thru the courts, and with our national delegates. Funding from the state is a necessary stop gap measure, until a declaration of a public health emergency, may secure long term solutions.

November 28, 2007 Governor Schweitzer traveled to Libby and was quoted by the press as saying; "If that means finding a way to get the state to help with reimbursements we will do that."

Governor Schweitzer further stated that he would support the Libby community in pressuring the U.S. EPA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for more attention on Libby. This support is critical as the community works towards long range solutions.